

Monday, February 5, 2007 City Council Chambers 1327 Foothill Boulevard La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge to order at 7:00 p.m.

# **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Stephen A. Del Guercio, Laura Olhasso, Donald R. Voss, Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence, and Mayor Gregory C. Brown

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney Steres, Interim Director of Public Works Davis, Director of Community Development Stanley, Interim City Treasurer Hemstreet, City Engineer Kwan, Senior Planner Buss, Management Aide Dodd and City Clerk Sessman

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Peters, Los Angeles Council Sheriff's Department.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Vance Haemmerle, a resident of La Cañada Flintridge, expressed his concern with the cancellation of the City of La Cañada Flintridge March, 2007 General Municipal Election, and the lack of public interest. He expressed his desire to get more involved. In addition, he expressed concern with the Administrative Citation Ordinance recently passed by the City Council.

Bill Hacket, a field representative from Assembly Member Portantino's office, provided the City Council with a brief update and announced that Assembly Member Portantino is introducing AB 34 and AB40 relating to umbilical cord blood banking. In addition, Mr. Hacket announced that Assembly Member Portantino is co-sponsoring "Cal Grant Cash for College Workshop" on February 10, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Eagle Rock High School and will be holding an "Open House" at his district office, 215 North Morango, Pasadena, CA, on Thursday March 1, 2007 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

The Public Safety Update for the Sheriff's Department was presented by Captain Peters.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by David Hemstreet.

Larry Hall, President/CEO of the YMCA, presented a brief report and introduced Nancy Turney, Community Seniors Services Director and Deborah Weirick, Director of Institutional Giving, who provided an update on City funded YMCA projects.

Staff Updates on City Projects were presented by Interim Public Works Director Davis and Community Development Director Stanley.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Olhasso recused herself from agenda item #2, warrant #153 due to a potential conflict of interest.

Councilmember Del Guercio recused himself from agenda item #5 and #8 due to a potential conflict of interest, because his law firm performs legal work for the County of Los Angeles.

Motion by Councilmember Olhasso, seconded by Councilmember Voss, to approve the following Consent Calendar items, with Councilmember Olhasso's recusal from agenda item #2, warrant #153 and Councilmember Del Guercio's recusal from agenda items #5 and #8 noted:

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the City Council:
  - (a) November 6, 2006 Regular Meeting
  - (b) November 20, 2006 Regular Meeting
  - (c) December 4, 2006 Regular Meeting
- 2. Approval of Warrant Resolution No. 07-02 dated January 31, 2007, for \$680,021.31.
- 3. Receive and file Commission Meeting Agendas:
  - (a) Design Commission Action Agenda from the January 18, 2007 Meeting.
  - (b) Planning Commission Action Agenda from the January 23, 2007 Meeting.
  - (c) Investment & Finance Advisory Committee Agenda from the January 24, 2007 Meeting.
  - (d) Public Safety Commission Agenda from the January 24, 2007 Meeting.
- 4. Receive and file Monthly Report of Investments for the period ending December 31, 2006.
- 5. Approve the Call for Projects Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the City of La Cañada Flintridge and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) regarding the City of La Cañada Flintridge East/West Bikeway Corridor: The Red Route Design and Construction and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
- 6. Approval and Acceptance of work performed by Noeticorp for the City of La Cañada Elementary School Storm Drain Realignment Project and authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion.
- 7. Approval and Acceptance of Work by Kalban, Inc. for the Street Improvements of a School Loading Bay on La Cañada Boulevard North of Salisbury Road and authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion.
- 8. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the installation of 43 Catch Basin Trash Excluders with an estimated annual cost of \$5,500.
- 9. Waive the formal bidding procedures and authorize the purchase of office furniture for the Planning Department to Aristo Office Equipment in the amount of \$2,550.

- 10. Authorize the City to participate in a Joint Request with Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena to acquire a changeable message sign trailer.
- 11. Approve and authorize the staff to execute a contract with Revenue Experts, Inc. to provide Administrative Citation collection services in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Councilmember Voss recused himself from participation on agenda item #12, due to a potential conflict of interest, as his home is located within 500 feet of the project area. He stepped off the City Council dais and left the Council Chambers.

12. A Public Hearing to consider approval of the Sidewalk and Mid-Block Bulb-Out Design Continuation on Chevy Chase Drive between Foothill Boulevard and Descanso Drive.

The staff report was presented by Traffic Engineer Zandvliet.

Mayor Brown **OPENED** the public hearing.

Bob Bruenet, a resident of La Cañada Flintridge, inquired about drawing 1038 page 205, drawing number two that appears to show a four to five foot slough wall all the way down Chevy Chase. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the slough wall would only be used to get around the liquid amber tree. In addition, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet confirmed that the parking in front of Mr. Brewnet's home would be on the west side, his side of the street, and that the bulb-outs would have reflective lighting. In closing, he expressed his support for use of pavers instead of stamped concrete.

There was no one else wishing to speak, therefore, Mayor Brown declared the public hearing **CLOSED.** 

In response to an inquiry by Councilmember Olhasso, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet stated that all work will be performed in the public right-of-way.

A motion was made by Councilmember Olhasso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Spence, to authorize the City Engineer to solicit construction bids for the construction of sidewalks and bulb-outs on Chevy Chase Drive between Foothill Boulevard and Descanso Drive, with the option of pavers verses stamped concrete in the bid process, and to authorize staff to investigate and determine where the sidewalk should end relative to the street. Motion carried 4-0-1.

With the items concluded, Councilmember Voss re-entered the Council Chambers and took his place at the dais.

13. A Public Hearing to Consider a Resolution Declaring the Intention of the City to Establish Sewer Service Fees for Sewer Assessment District 04-1 (Area 3A) and setting a time and place for the public hearing for the purpose of establishing such fees.

Councilmember Olhasso recused herself from participation on agenda item #13, due to a potential conflict of interest, as her home is located within 500 feet of the project area. She stepped off the City Council dais and left the council chambers.

The staff report was presented by Interim Public Works Director Davis.

Mayor Brown **OPENED** the public hearing. There was no one wishing to speak, therefore, Mayor Brown declared the public hearing **CLOSED**.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Spence, seconded by Councilmember Voss, to read by title only and adopt Resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA, CALIFORNIA DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY TO ESTABLISH SEWER SERVICE FEES FOR PROJECT AREA 3A AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE AS APRIL 2, 2007, 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SUCH FEES." The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Del Guercio, Voss, Spence and Brown; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Olhasso, recusal noted. Motion carried 4-0-1.

City Attorney Steres announced that the Public Hearing was established as April 2, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

With the items concluded, Councilmember Olhasso re-entered the Council Chambers and took his place at the dais.

## 14. City Treasurer Recruitment

The staff report was presented by City Manager Alexander and Interim City Treasurer Hemstreet.

Mayor Brown **OPENED** the public comment session. There was no one wishing to speak, therefore, Mayor Brown **CLOSED** the public comment session.

There was consensus of the City Council to accept the recommendation of the Investment and Financing Advisory Committee and schedule an interview with the top candidate. There were no objections.

#### **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

Councilmembers' report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency – None

Councilmembers' reports regarding regional and local representation – None

Councilmembers' request for future agenda items – *None* 

Councilmembers' comments – *None* 

City Manager and/or staff comments – *None* 

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Kathleen R. Sessman

City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on April 2, 2007.